

OAK HILLS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING

April 15, 2025

Meeting called to order: 7:08pm

Oak Hills Gym and ZOOM Audio

In Attendance: Leah Morris, Laura Hoffman, Jocelyn Pascall, Mollie Zeuthen, Aimee Collins, Danae Berge, Katy Fonner, Larissa Boylan, Michelle Rowe, Sofia Cabrera, Megan Needham, Jessica Reed, Jennifer Thornton, Ashlee Richards, Alina Horrocks, Laura Piipo, Joey Robinson, Thao Do-Gwilliam, Erika Hansen, Rachel Brock

Attendance Via Zoom: Jennifer Arguinzoni-Ward, Meghann

Motion to approve March meeting minutes by Mollie Zeuthen, seconded by Raina Gangwal, approved

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE:

Thao Do-Gwilliam

1. Spring parent teacher conference sign ups have launched, please sign up, meetings are offered in person or via zoom
 - a. Staff are working together to put together a list of resources for families (eg ways to encourage family discussion, ways to encourage growth in various learning points)
2. There will be NO KINDER ACADEMY this year
 - a. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints the entire district is cutting this opportunity. Oak Hills staff are discussing ways to remediate the impact of this cut to kindergarten start in the fall.
3. School assembly next week
4. There will be an author visit in mid-May
5. CONSTRUCTION UPDATES
 - a. Decision has been made the new wing will house the first grade team once completed
 - b. The old music room (currently Ms Evans') will revert to the full time music classroom
 - c. Determination for the rooms in the current first grade annex are ongoing. However one room is slated to be the part time music room (Teacher Sally)
 - d. Administrators are hoping to be able to maintain a space for lunch clubs to operate within once all portables are sold
 - e. Library construction will begin after school year ends
 - i. New space will be a single L-shaped space that is enclosed
 - ii. Tech room will be moved
 - iii. Construction should be complete before 25/26 school year begins
 - f. New undercover basketball area (what is currently the lower field) should also be completed before 25/26 school year begins

Erika Hansen

1. OSAS testing
 - a. The schedule for testing is linked in the newsletter and more accurate information will come from classroom teachers
 - b. Teachers are emphasizing the importance of students pacing themselves, particularly students who tend to speed through. Please support your students by reinforcing this message at home

Recess Rules Follow-up

The temporary no running policy was revisited. The current recess rules and reteach slides may be found in the newsletter.

1. No tag in the bark chip area, only fields (which are currently open). "Light running" allowed in bark chip area
2. The previous pattern of big physicality leading to escalating behavior and very rough play has dropped down
3. Community Question: has the student reteach been accompanied by common staff communication and consistency of response to students who fail to follow rules? What sort of consequences can students expect from staff?
 - a. Response: staff are using verbal redirection, there is no consistent disciplinary action. Students with a pattern of breaking the rules are addressed case-by-case
4. Community Question: what is the plan when fields are inevitably closed again (it is Oregon after all)?
 - a. Response: Hope fields remain usable through the end of current school year and the new covered area next year will allow students space to spread out. However, that area will also be a no running area as it will be blacktop. The new wing will also require an entirely new supervision plan that is still being worked out.

PTO NEWS

Andrea Seidman

1. OTTERFEST- we need volunteers or it will be furloughed
 - a. Community response: several attendees stepped up to plan this event, we thank you!!
2. Legacy Fund- originally earmarked for next track however that project is FAR outside the scope of our budget
 - a. A water fountain and refilling station that will be added to new construction at PTO expense. This is already approved by the district, within the legacy fund budget, and in keeping with the original intent of the raised funds.
 - b. Motion to approve \$18,739 for the purchase and installation of a water fountain by Andrea Seidman, seconded by Leah Morris, approved.
3. Staff Appreciation Week 4/28 to coincide with conferences

- a. PTO purchase of requested gift ice maker for staff room as well as individual goodie boxes for staff.
 - b. PTO will coordinate community appreciation activities: notes for staff, flower arrangements, staff room restock of snacks/drinks
 - c. PTO also provide a dinner for staff during conferences
- 4. LUNCH CLUBS
 - a. Next week will be final week for the year

Miriam Ortiz

- 1. Open board positions for 25/26 school year (ALL positions are co-chaired)
 - a. President (1), Vice President (1), Volunteer Coordinator (2), Secretary (1)
 - b. We are a very fun welcoming group and would love to have you join us! Have a look behind the curtain and help steer the path forward for this amazing school support community!
- 2. Upcoming Fundraiser with Meating Place
 - a. They are VERY generous with profit-sharing (50%) and include gift cards. Ger ready for summer grilling season and support Oak Hills too!

Treasurer Update

Tami Rothenfluch

- 1. Receipts for reimbursement MUST BE IN BY JUNE 1
- 2. Budget is healthy
- 3. PLEASE CASH YOUR CHECKS! There is over \$11,000 outstanding
- 4. May meeting will set budget for 25/26 school year

Meeting Adjourned 8:08pm